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Dear friends,

I wish to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Y-12 National Security Complex. I am ~~not~~ categorically opposed to the building of this complex. My main concern, among many, is that this complex would be equipped and intended to be able to build new design nuclear weapons and therefore violates U.S. non-proliferation goals for nuclear weapons

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Comment noted. Parties to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty agree not to directly or indirectly transfer nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over them to any recipient; and not to in any way assist, encourage, or induce nonnuclear weapon states to manufacture or alter use, or acquire nuclear weapons, or alter nuclear explosive devices or control over them. Continuation of the Y-12 mission, and construction and operation of a HEU Materials Facility or Special Materials Complex by the United States does not conflict with such an agreement. The proposed action, which includes continuing weapons dismantlement activities at Y-12, fully supports the goals of Article VI of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, in which signatory nations agree to work toward total disarmament. Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has significantly reduced the size of the nuclear weapons stockpile, and DOE has dismantled more than 15,000 nuclear weapons. At the present time, the United States is further downsizing the nuclear weapons stockpile consistent with the terms of the START I and the recently ratified START II. Although Russia suspended its nuclear weapons dismantlement activities on January 20, 2001, DOE has continued its weapons dismantlement activities. There is no plan or proposal in the Y-12 SWEIS to increase the size of the Nation's nuclear weapons arsenal.